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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

TOWN TREASURER,

Road Commissioner and Superintendent
of Schools,

OF THE

TOWN OF CARTHAGE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 16, 1900.

RUMFORD FALLS:
TIMES BOOK AND JOB PRINT,
1900.

Report of Selectmen.

To the inhabitants of the town of Carthage :

Agreeable to law and the usual customs we submit our annual report of the financial standing of the town for the year ending Feb. 16, 1900.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate,	\$45,618 00
Non-resident real estate,	27,195 00
Personal estate,	19,427 00
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	\$92,240 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$ 284 82
County tax,	158 97
Support of poor and other charges,	800 00
Support of schools,	312 00
Roads and bridges,	1,000 00
Town debt and interest,	435 00
Text books,	100 00
Repair of school houses,	15 00
Overlay,	12 89
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	\$3,118 68

No of polls, 88.

Poll tax, \$3.00.

Rate of taxation, .031.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1899-00.

D. W. Berry,	}	Selectmen,	\$45 00
Will W. Holman,			35 00
E. H. Staples,			23 00
Luther Hutchinson, treasurer,			18 00
Lester S. Libby, town clerk,			6 00
Mrs. Mattie Pratt, Supt.,			32 00
D. W. Berry, "			12 00
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			\$171 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID.

Paid C. F. Eaton, ballot clerk '98-'99,	\$ 3 00
C. F. Eaton, truant officer, '98,	5 00
C. F. Eaton, services as health officer,	9 00
E. E. Winter, services as constable, '98,	4 00
E. C. McLain, services as selectman, '98,	31 50
Mattie Pratt, services as Supt. of schools, '99,	32 00
W. E. Hutchinson, services as collector, '96-'97,	23 31
E. P. Goodwin, services as treasurer, '98,	18 00
V. C. Mitchell, services as selectman, '98,	21 00
D. W. Berry, services as moderator, '98,	1 50
L. S. Libby, services as town clerk, '98,	6 75
D. W. Berry, services as selectman, '98,	40 00
D. W. Berry, services as selectman, part pay, '99,	25 00
Will W. Holman, services as selectman, '99,	35 00
E. H. Staples, services as Supt., '98,	24 07
E. H. Staples, services as selectman, '99,	23 00
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	\$302 13

ABATEMENTS.

W. E. Hutchinson, collector, bills of '96-97 :	
Chas. Hammond, poll tax ; reason of abatement, paid in Sumner,	\$ 3 00
J. C. Little, '97, reason, inability to pay,	4 00
W. W. Hall, one-half his tax for the year 1899, on account of private way crossing his land as per vote of town,	7 75

E. E. Winter, collector, bills of 1898 :	
J. C. Little, tax for '98 ; reason for abatement, inability to pay,	3 57
Newton Magoon, poll tax '98 ; reason for abatement, out of the State,	3 00
Clinton Parker, poll and personal estate tax, '98, paid in Greene,	4 90
Clinton Lamb, poll tax; reason for abatement, sickness and inability to pay,	3 00
M. L. Winter, poll tax '98, ; reason for abatement, deceased,	3 00
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	\$32 22

PAUPER BILLS.

Paid J. S. Houghton, for clothing furnished Joseph Tobin,	\$ 4 79
H. L. Tobin, support of Joseph Tobin,	35 05
W. J. Trefethen, M. D., for medical attendance furnished Eunice Dill,	32 50
C. E. Proctor, M. D., for medical attendance furnished H. L. Tobin family,	29 25
V. O. White, medical attendance furnished Albert Cushman,	6 00
Town of Avon, for support of J. W. Shepard family, '99,	16 50
Sophronia Howard, clothing, shoes, etc.	4 59
Emery Hutchinson, for support of Sophronia Howard, 1899-00,	80 77
N. G. Severy, for support of Ruth Potter, 1899-00,	121 25
Mary J. Whittier, for support of Alden Pettengill since May, '99,	84 00
Luther Hutchinson for shoes furnished T. A. Pettengill and Sophronia Howard,	2 42
Town of Farmington for support of Joseph L. Tobin,	51 91
Jessie Cushman for support of Joseph Tobin,	63 15
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	\$532 18

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Mary L. Newman, teaching, 1899,	\$32 00
L. C. Ludden, " "	36 00
Linnie Brown, " "	44 00
Della Hildreth, " "	45 00
Sadie Smith, " "	48 00
Ella B. Walton, " "	48 00
Lila A. Whiting, " "	48 00
" " " "	72 00
Bert Piper, transportation of scholars.	55 00
H. L. Tobin, " "	40 00
Mrs. N. S. Smith, boarding teacher,	35 00
Mrs. S. A. McLain, " "	21 00
G. H. Sanders, " "	14 00
C. F. Eaton,	21 00
for fuel,	22 47
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	\$581 47

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid H. W. Small for teaching free high school at Berry Mills,	\$150 00
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APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS.

Amt. unexpended from 1898,	\$141 52
raised by town, 1899,	312 00
State school fund,	251 25
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	\$704 77
Amt. expended, common schools,	581 47
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Bal. due the schools,	\$123 30

REPAIRS OF ROADS.

The following bills contracted by W. E. Hutchinson, road commissioner for 1898, have been paid the past year :

Paid Chas. Josselyn, breaking roads,	\$ 4 65
L. S. Libby for iron for bridge,	1 00
C. F. Eaton, breaking roads,	2 55
N. G. Severy, " "	9 75
Herbert Whitney, " "	1 95
Warren Pettengill, " "	3 38
Geo. Maxwell, " "	14 61
" " " "	1 05
J. G. Murch, " "	5 96
Emery Hutchinson, " "	11 58
V. C. Mitchell, " "	12 15
Edward Jones, " "	1 65
E. E. Winter, " "	1 80
Ernest Murch, " "	1 50
H. L. Tobin, " "	5 46
A. A. Smith, " "	12 46
F. P. Macomber, " "	3 91
James Adams, " "	2 00
Orrin Jones, " "	1 20
E. C. McLain, " "	3 90
N. W. Whitter, " "	75
Fred Morrison, " "	2 25
Orrin Hatch, labor on his road,	10 33
W. E. Hutchinson, " " "	4 50

\$120 34

We have drawn orders by the direction of F. W. Brown, Road Commissioner, for labor done under him the past year to the amount of \$846.89, and his report is referred to for further information.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Paid Luther Hutchinson for articles furnished schools,	\$ 2 00
V. O. White, M. D., for birth and death cer- tificates,	2 15

Paid W. V. Tainter, for watering trough,.....	3 00
American Book Co., text books,.....	42 28
Ginn & Co.,.....	11 92
Chas. Brown, for sheep killed by dogs,....	7 00
R. C. Swett, for same,.....	5 00
D. W. Berry, watering trough,.....	3 00
H. M. Barrett for disinfectant used by board of health,.....	2 55
L. S. Libby, for recording birth certificates,	3 45
D. D. Berry, for painting school house No. 3,	2 60
C. E. Ludden, for text books,.....	3 08
F. W. Brown, for glass and repairs on school house No. 5,.....	2 00
D. W. Berry, for postage and express paid for town,.....	1 40
June Leach, for cleaning school house No. 5,	2 00
W. M. Pease, M. D., for certificates of births and deaths,	4 25
Luther Hutchinson, for material furnished schools,.....	2 07
Mattie Pratt, for cartage on books,.....	25
Chester Durrell, " "	1 60
Bertha M. Brown, cleaning school house No. 4, 4 3,	4 50
Mrs. E. E. Winter, cleaning school house No. 2,	2 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, for blank books for town,.....	6 50
J. W. Brackett, for printing town reports 1898,.....	14 40
C. E. Proctor, M. D., for vaccination,.....	7 20
C. F. Eaton, for vaccine,.....	3 10
D. W. Berry, for repairs of school house No. 5,.....	50
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	\$139 80

TOWN DEBT.

Paid E. W. Murch, part payment Order No. 69,...	\$300 00
" " interest on above order,.....	52 17
Etta M. Hutchinson, interest Order No. 50,	4 00
Mrs. Ruel Phillips, " " " 46,	12 00
Trustees of Newman Burying Ground Soci- ety, Order No. 64, three years int....	12 00
W. W. Goodwin. int. on Order No. 43,.....	40 00
E. P. Goodwin, " " No. 146,.....	28 00
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	\$448 17

RESOURCES.

Due from W. E. Hutchinson, Collector '97,....	\$ 25 00
" " " " '99,....	2,341 66
E. E. Winter, " '98,....	27 83
Highway taxes unpaid '97,.....	11 97
Real Estate Tax deeds in hands of the Treasurer,	260 00
Town of Weld, pauper account,.....	14 00
Henry Abbott, tuition high school, '98	2 50
Isaiah Hutchinson, " " '98	2 50
Tyler Hutchinson, tuition com. school	6 50
South W. Corner, of lot No. 2, R. 12,.....	75 00
Road machine and tools,.....	125 00
Cash in treasury,.....	231 16
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	\$3,123 12

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders bearing interest,.....	\$2,991 82
Outstanding orders not bearing interest,	12 40
Due town of Weld for tuition,.....	23 00
Due schools,.....	123 30
Town officers bills due,.....	176 00
Other outstanding bills, est.,.....	125 00
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	\$3,451 52
Bal. against town,.....	\$328 40

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. W. BERRY,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Carthage.</i>
WILL W. HOLMAN,	
E. H. STAPLES,	

Road Commissioner's Report.

F. W. Brown, Road Commissioner, in account with the town of Carthage for the years 1899 and 1900.

Cr., by amount expended.

For services as road com. 48 days at \$2.00,	\$96 00
For use of team 4 days at \$1.50,	6 00
Paid freight on dynamite,	1 85
Henry Crockett, for labor on highway,	1 50
Emery Hutchinson, " "	32 75
E. E. Winter, for breaking roads, spring '99,	5 40
Geo. N. Lakin, " " "	5 10
Geo. Maxwell, " " "	12 45
N. W. Whittier, for shoveling snow, spring '99,	1 20
L. P. Mason, for breaking roads, spring '99,	11 25
A. A. Smith, " "	4 50
Chas. Josselyn, " "	6 45
V. C. Mitchell, " "	9 00
G. H. Sanders, estate, for breaking roads, spring '99,	12 00
M. B. Hammond, breaking roads, 1899-1900,	13 50
F. W. Hutchinson, breaking roads, spring '99,	6 15
C. W. Widber, " "	75
E. E. Winter, for bridge stringers,	5 00
E. Judkins, for 4 " "	13 00
E. Judkins, for lumber for Grover bridge,	3 82
E. Judkins, for labor on highway,	97 50
Geo. Maxwell, " "	2 14
L. P. Mason, " "	12 50
L. P. Mason, damage to plow,	2 11

Paid Geo. A. Piper,	for labor on highway,	6 00
Bert Piper,	" "	3 00
A. A. Smith,	" "	4 50
F. J. Casey,	" "	3 75
E. W. Jones,	" "	4 25
M. D. Morrison,	" "	1 50
N. M. Whittier,	" "	3 00
Linden Mason,	" "	1 50
Charles Josselyn,	" "	4 50
Dana Brown,	" "	40 00
Charles Pratt,	" "	2 50
Fred McLain,	" "	5 70
B. F. & R. E. Plummer,	" "	3 00
J. G. & Ernest Murch,	" "	4 50
James Adams,	" "	1 00
H. J. Whitney,	" "	5 85
C. W. Hanscom,	" "	9 00
E. H. Staples,	" "	13 75
E. T. Hutchinson,	" "	10 50
Frank Barrett,	" "	16 50
B. F. Plummer,	" "	12 00
F. W. Hutchinson,	" "	15 97
Geo. A. Virgin,	" "	19 50
Geo. A. Brown,	" "	48 40
Orin Hatch,	" "	18 08
E. M. Damon,	" "	3 00
C. L. Pratt,	" "	5 20
D. W. Berry,	" "	4 45
J. S. Swett,	" "	48 72
W. W. Holman,	" "	10 50
O. V. Hutchinson,	" "	27 00
E. C. Staples,	" "	31 50
J. S. Leach,	" "	15 75
R. C. Swett,	" "	7 50
Frank Brown,	" "	10 00
F. S. Hutchinson,	" "	3 00

Sylvanus Holt,	"	"	6 00
E. C. McLain,	"	"	4 50
Kendall Billington,	"	"	7 50
H. W. Berry,	"	"	3 15
Oscar Whitney,	"	"	3 00
L. L. Lamb,	"	"	3 45
L. S. Libby, for fixing road machine and drills,			2 12
S. D. Kittredge, for labor and iron furnished			
Grover bridge,			7 28
Goodwin Bros., for lumber and plank,			37 89
E. C. Staples, for lumber and plank, Grover			
bridge,			17 59
R. O. Dunning, for breaking roads,			1 80
D. D. Berry,	"	"	1899, 4 00
Geo. N. Lakin,	"	"	1900, 3 90
E. E. Winter,	"	"	" 4 95

Total amt. expended, \$893 92

Dr. to amt. received from town.

Total amt. of town orders received, \$846 89

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. BROWN, *Commissioner.*

Treasurer's Report.

Luther Hutchinson, treasurer, in account with the town
of Carthage for the year ending Feb. 16th, 1900.

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To balance in treasury as per report,	\$ 170 29
From F. M. Simpson, dog license refunded, 1898,	28 11
Lester S. Libby, dog license, 1899,	31 00
Sumner Houghton, on resident tax deed of H. L. Tobin,	8 85
A. P. Marsh, on resident tax deed of Eastman Judkins,	11 95
F. M. Simpson for High school,	75 00
J. M. Getchell on tax deed,	30 00
Osca Coburn, " "	41 93
Town of Dixfield, tuition,	24 29
" Weld on Dill account,	18 50
" Dixfield, tuition,	6 00
F. M. Simpson, damage done by dogs to sheep,	12 00
School fund and mill tax, 1899,	251 25
Free High school, tuition, 1898-9, Lee S. Brown,	2 50
Collector for 1896, in full,	75 00
" " 1897,	150 00
" " 1898,	2,157 37
" " 1899,	777 01
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	\$3,871 05

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By paid to D. M. Bonney, county tax, 1899,	\$ 158 97
F. M. Simpson, dog license, 1899,	31 00
E. E. Winter on tax deed,	9 62
D. W. Berry, discount on check,	28
F. M. Simpson, State tax, 1899,	284 82
F. M. Simpson, dog license, 1898,	2 00
Town orders issued by selectmen,	3,153 20
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	\$3,639 89
Balance in treasury Feb. 16,	231 16
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	\$3,871 05

Respectfully submitted,
LUTHER HUTCHINSON, *Treasurer.*

Superintendent's Report.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

It is with regret that we are unable to report the progress made in our schools the past year. Mrs. J. C. Pratt resigned as superintendent of schools the first of October, and I was appointed to fill the vacancy. At that time the fall schools had been in session nearly six weeks, and we did not have the opportunity of visiting them but once. The summer schools were under the instructions of first class teachers, and as far as we know, were satisfactory.

SCHOOL No. 2.

Summer term, Miss Mary Newman of Phillips, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week; board, \$1.75 per week. Number of scholars attending school, 14; average number, 12.

Fall term, Miss Sadie Smith of Dixfield, teacher. Length of term, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week; board, \$1.75 per week. Number of scholars attending school, 16; average number, 15. Miss Smith's work in the school room is first class, and we consider her among the best of teachers.

SCHOOL No. 3.

Summer term, Mrs. C. E. Ludden of Canton Point, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$4.50 per week; board, \$1.75 per week. Number of scholars attending school, 12; average number, 10.

Fall term, Miss Della Hildreth of Perkins Plantation, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$3.75 per week; board, \$1.75 per week. Number of scholars attending school, 10; average number, 9. This was Miss Hildreth's first school, and although young and inexperienced she taught an excellent school.

SCHOOL No. 4.

Summer term, Miss Linnie E. Brown of Berry Mills, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$5.50 per week. Number of scholars attending school, 17; average number, 12.

Fall term, Miss Ella B. Walton of Dixfield, teacher. Length of term, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week; board, \$1.75 per week. Number of scholars attending school, 18; average number, 15. Miss Walton is a fine scholar and an up to date teacher.

SCHOOL No. 5.

Summer term, Miss Lila A. Whiting of Turner, teacher. Length of term, 8 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$5.00 per week. Number of scholars attending school, 18; average number, 16.

Fall term. This school was also under the instruction of Miss Whiting. Length of term, 12 weeks. Wages of teacher, including board, \$6.00 per week. Number of scholars attending school, 21; average number, 18. This being Miss Whiting's second term in the district speaks well for her success as a teacher.

 FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

On January 13th a special town meeting was held to raise money for a free High School, and your Superintendent was instructed by the superintending school committee to have school commence Jan. 22, and a male teacher was desired, but we found after several day's correspondence that the best teachers were all engaged, and we were not able to secure a teacher until Feb. 12. The school commences Feb. 20th, under the instruction of Ernest Holman of Jay. Mr. Holman furnished first-class recommendations, and we have no doubt but what the school will be profitable.

TEXT BOOKS.

The following text books have been purchased the past year :

60 Spellers.
 36 Standard Arithmetics.
 30 Elementary “
 12 Harper's 3d Readers.
 24 “ 2d “
 24 “ 1st “
 4 Gray's Lessons in Botany.

It is evident that there has got to be a more rigid supervision over our text books. Year after year the town is called upon to raise money to purchase text books to replace those that have been destroyed. In some of our schools we find the books in good condition while in others we find them with the covers gone, leaves torn out, and the books badly worn. While the teachers are to blame for not doing their duty, we think that the parents and school officers are negligent of theirs. Parents should teach their children how to handle their books. Also teach them that if they destroy or damage one that they have got to pay for it. The teachers should be made to do their duty in regard to the books. The school board do theirs and we believe this evil will be checked.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BERRY, *Supt. of Schools.*

Carthage, Feb. 16, 1900.